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The Daily Press.

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The precise value of a pledge given by the Imperial Government has recently been the subject of a good deal of discussion in the Legislative Council. It was suggested that His Majesty's present Ministers might possibly place upon a promise made through H.E. the GOVERNOR to the Colony a somewhat different construction to that put upon it by the ordinary plain-speaking, single-minded man. Anyone who doubts the possibility of such a contingency should read carefully the speech made by the PRIME MINISTER on the resolution brought forward by Captain Christie in the House of Commons on the 26th May, dealing with the definition of the Two-Power Standard. The report in The Times of May 27th makes it clear that on November 12th the Prime Minister stated that the Government definitely accepted the Two-Power Standard as meaning "a preponderance of 10 per cent. over the combined strength in capital ships of the two next strongest Powers whatever they might be and wherever they were situated." Yet on the 26th May he had the official exhortion entirely to say that when he made that definition he did not include America among the Powers. By way of drawing a herring across the track and confusing the issue, he scoffed at the idea of reckoning on China, "ever suppose she were minded to have a fleet of six, eight or ten Dreadnoughts," and he ignored altogether Japan's powerful fleet; in fact, he bluntly stated, at the conclusion of his remarks, that when he made his previous

definition, when he said, "the next two strongest Powers, whatever they might be and whenever they might be situated," he only referred to the Continental States. If a man in private life had resorted to such verbal dishonesty to gain some temporary end, it would be simply said of him that he had lied. But apparently a man may lie officially to any extent and yet maintain the most honoured and honourable position in British public life; and not only so, but he can thus trap and trick the House of Commons and the nation over the most vital issue that has ever faced the Empire. If the Prime Minister of England, throwing to the winds his private honour, can thus devote his great abilities to deceive by a promise which he knows will be interpreted literally, and then deny having intended to convey the only meaning that the words bear, can it really be wondered at that further doubt should arise here in Hongkong as to the interpretation which may eventually be placed upon the words "substantial contribution"? The ingenuity even of some "horn-piggin" politician in the Cabinet would probably be sufficient to read a very diminutive meaning into that fair-seeming phrase. More and more does it appear that it was an evil day indeed for Hongkong when the rash promise of a raw political fledgling, trying his pretence hard at Under Secretarial work, dragged this Colony into the slippery game of chicanery and chance at present dishonouring all the best traditions of British politics.

We are indeed in a very unsatisfactory predicament at the present time. Not only do we not know what interpretation the Imperial Government will give to the promise to ask Parliament for a "substantial contribution," but we have no guarantee that Parliament when "asked" will consent to grant any compensation whatever, and on this point we cannot improve on the following comment which we find in the "Singapore Free Press":

The opium question, outside the fat lists, is merely a sentimental one at home, that is to say millions would possibly be found ready to vote a resolution condemning opium, but we doubt whether hundreds would support a resolution to grant compensation on account of such condemnation. It would naturally seem absurd to members of Parliament that they should vote away home public money to compensate for any loss of revenue derived by a far off Colony from the opium trade. They would probably say "well the Colony has done well out of the business in the past, let it stand the racket now," and whilst we make no pronouncement on the justice of that attitude, it seems one which most men would adopt who knew as little about the practical side of the opium question, as the ordinary member of Parliament does. In fact the position of the Crown Colonies is much that of the unfortunate people who cry "God is in Heaven, and the Tsar is far away." It is only by making outcry before an evil is perpetrated, that Crown Colonies as a rule can hope to avert the threatened evil."

Only one case of plague was reported yesterday.

The Singapore Municipality are inviting tenders for \$1,000,000 debenture stock carrying interest at 4% per cent. The money is to be devoted to various public works.

Col. F. H. Hayes, who will be remembered as the officer in charge of the Army Pay Department at Hongkong a few years ago, has become the senior officer of the Army Pay Department at the War Office.

The Minutes of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, published in another column, include correspondence on the proposed Government note issue and other subjects of general interest.

A telegram has been received at H. B. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, stating that his Honour Judge Lindsey Smith has been appointed Acting Assistant Judge, and that he will arrive in Shanghai on the 26th instant. Mr. Lindsey Smith has been Judge of H. B. M.'s Court at Zanzibar since 1904.

Eight officers of the British army, have up to the present qualified as interpreters in the Chinese and Japanese languages, two in the first-named and six in the latter. In addition, 13 have "passed" in Chinese and 22 in Japanese, whilst 30 have "passed" in the late Chinese Regt. test.

Until Tuesday the police had made many vain attempts to capture a party of gamblers who had a rendezvous at the rear of the village of Ngantankok. On the day mentioned, however, they were successful in surprising six men, who were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday and ordered to pay a fine of \$5 each.

Yesterday the new Portuguese gunboat *Macao* was launched at the Kowloon Docks. Miss Rocadas, daughter of the Governor of Macao, through the indisposition of her mother, performed the christening ceremony. The lady subsequently presented with a gold chain bracelet as a souvenir of the occasion, and congratulatory speeches followed.

A Chinese lady, residing at the Hotel China, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by throwing herself from the veranda of the second floor of the building. She was immediately removed to hospital, but it is not expected that she will recover. The reason for the rash act is stated to be a lover's quarrel.

The proprietors of a Chinese newspaper named the *Universal Gazette* published at Shanghai are being tried in the Mixed Court on a charge of publishing alleged libellous articles about the Indian members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, and articles liable to create trouble between Chinese and Indians.

The Report of Messrs. Moutrie and Co., limited, for the year ending 31st March, shows that the net profits, including the amount brought forward from last year's working, amounted to \$17,003.65, which sum the Directors recommended be divided as follows:—To pay a dividend of 4 per cent., \$12,336.00; to carry forward to the new account \$4,667.65.

We understand that the Commissioners appointed to consider the question of the delimitation of Macao are to hold their meetings at the residence of Consul-General Leiria. At present the Chinese representatives are in Canton congratulating the retiring Viceroy on his promotion. On their return, a date will be fixed for deliberations.

It is announced that the ancient porcelain factory of Kingtchchen (Chintechen) in Kiangsi is to be reorganized on a grand scale under reformed conditions, at the instigation of the Board of Agriculture, Labour and Commerce, Kingtchchen can show furnaces that have never been let out, night or day, for over 800 years. It is possibly the largest labour organization in China after the hydrogen gas and salt brine walls of Szechuan province.

An anonymous gift of £1,000 to the funds of the China Emergency Appeal Committee was announced at a meeting in Liverpool presided over by the Lord Mayor, who made a sympathetic speech in support of the aims of the committee, for which Mr. Webster and Mr. Archibald Little spoke as the deputation appointed to the meeting. A local committee was formed, and the hope was expressed that the help of Liverpool to the fund would reach several thousand pounds.

For the working year 1908 the Austrian Lloyd shows a surplus of 6,500 kronen (£264,996), as compared with 7,100,000 kronen (£295,828) for the preceding year. The sum of 3,40,000 kronen (£141,662) is written off the fleet, as compared with 3,000,000 kronen (£124,998) in the preceding year. The net profits amount to 1,00,000 kronen (£41,666), as compared with 1,700,000 kronen (£70,828), and the dividend on the share capital of 28,000,000 kronen (£199,776) is fixed at 2% per cent., as compared with 4% per cent. for 1907.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday a rattan splitter from West Point was charged with cutting and wounding a fellow workman. It appears that from words strife a quarrel of serious nature arose, the complainant striking the defendant over the head with a stool, and the latter retaliating by using a knife with considerable effect, while he was backed by other workmen. Both complainant and defendant had to be removed to hospital. After hearing the evidence his Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A native watchman who was employed by the acting chief bailiff of the Supreme Court on June 25th to guard the effects in a shop at 332 Queen's Road West, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazelton at the Magistracy yesterday with accepting a bribe of \$4. The defendant is alleged to have accepted this amount of money in consideration of his allowing certain furniture to be removed. Mr. W. E. L. Shelton (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Lee of Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morell) represented the defendant. The hearing was adjourned.

Preparations for the car ferry between Shimonesaki and Moji seem to be progressing vigorously, and it is thought by the Japan Mail that the work will be finished by the autumn of this year. The contractor is Mr. Miyamoto and the contract price is 250,000 yen. Embankments are to be built on either side of the Strait, that on the Moji side extending as far as Dairi and that on the Shimonesaki side as far as Takesaki. Eight hundred ferry boats will be employed, and they will be in three separate lines so as to suit the state of the tide. It is expected that 50 cars will be able to cross at one time, and that ten crossings will be possible per diem. The fare, now 50 sen, will be reduced to 30 sen.

The voyage of the damaged steamer *Netherton* from Singapore to West Hartlepool has been very eventful. She was damaged badly by an explosion at Singapore a year ago, and when she reached the vessel stood forty-feet out of the water forward. She was therefore difficult to handle. In the Bay of Biscay all hands had to get to work to lash the funnel, which threatened to go overboard. Fears were also felt for the flying bridge, a temporary structure from which the navigation of the vessel was directed, but fortunately the only things carried away were some ventilators. Several tragic incidents occurred.The ship left Singapore with a crew of 51, including 35 Chinamen. Two days out, the third engineer, Mr. J. McMillan, died of heart apoplexy, at Suez, a man was put ashore suffering from enteric fever, and he died later, two days before reaching Oran (Algeria). A Chinaman hanged himself in the bunker hold, and upon arrival at West Hartlepool a member of the crew developed "beriberi." Yesterday the new Portuguese gunboat *Macao* was launched at the Kowloon Docks. Miss Rocadas, daughter of the Governor of Macao, through the indisposition of her mother, performed the christening ceremony. The lady subsequently presented with a gold chain bracelet as a souvenir of the occasion, and congratulatory speeches followed.

Lieut.-Col. H. N. Dunbleton, R.E., who shortly completes the required service and will be promoted to brevet-colonel, joined the "Scientific Corps" from Woolwich nearly 32 years ago, and in addition to being for over five years chief instructor of submarine mining, was four years inspector of submarine mining defences at the War Office. He served throughout the Nile expedition, 1884-5, receiving the medal with clasp and bronze star.

The pleasure of the Hongkong Garrison sports team's stay in Kobe appears to have been marred by very bad weather. F.A.G., the facetious writer in the *Japan Chronicle*, has the following reference to the matter:—I hope the gallant gentlemen from Hongkong who are now honouring us with their presence appreciate the delicate compliment we have made them in arranging for a supply of real Hongkong weather during their stay in Kobe. I should not like them to go away from our smiling sunny shores with the idea that the climatic conditions of the past week are the sort of thing we usually have to put up with. Oh, dear no, my dear sirs; this is sunny Japan—not sultry, miry, weeping Japan. Knowing, however, that people from Hongkong are not used to the bright cerulean skies with which we are favoured from January the first to December the last, arrangements were made to greet the Hongkongites with some of their very own brand of weather, and for myself I think the thing was very nicely done. So realistic, in fact, were the arrangements that I am told one of the visitors the other evening spent quite a long time groping his way through the fog on the Hill trying to find the Peak tramway station!

LOCAL SPORT.

WATER POLO SHIELD
COMPETITION.CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB v. BOYS OWN CLUB.
This match was played in the V.R.C. enclosure last evening, and ended in a win for the Corinthians by four goals after a fast and interesting game. The teams were—

Corinthians: Forbes, C. Humphreys and O. R. Chanyut; R. C. Witchell; G. Witchell, Cooke and Wilson. B.O.C.: White, A. R. Ellis and I. Chanyut; Cordro; Muskett, A. S. Ellis and Leita.

The whistle sounded, the ball was centrally placed, and both sides got well away, but the stronger swimmers in the Corinthian team were first to take charge of the leather, and although the Boys marked them well, they were gradually forced back on their stronghold. They put up an admirable defence, but their opponents were too strong, and it was not long before R. C. Witchell was successful in finding the net. Exciting play continued, the Boys, notwithstanding the odds against them, displaying an indomitable spirit, and by sheer hard work holding their opponents in check. But there was not a lad in the team capable of watching the elder Witchell, who plays as clever a game as he did last year, (and then he was one of the best water polo players in the Colony). He succeeded in adding a second goal to the Corinthians' score before the whistle sounded.

Half-time: Corinthians, 2 goals; B.O.C., nil. The Boys started off with the same energy in the second half and continued to assail their opponents, and although it was not exactly the story of the lion and the mouse, it was a game in which boys were pitted against mostly men of long experience. They gave a very creditable performance, however, and played a game which, if repeated in their future programme, very few teams in the competition will be able to beat. During the course of the half the Corinthians scored two more goals, one through O. R. Chanyut and one through R. C. Witchell, but while the Boys have no goals to their credit they have the satisfaction of knowing that they played an excellent game, and one which was appreciated by the numerous spectators.

Final: Corinthians, 4 goals; B.O.C., nil.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 7th July.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. GOMPERTZ (PUNISH JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

Hui Ching Kan sued Lam Sze Chiu for \$765, for money paid and lent. There was a counter claim. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Gardner appeared for the defendant.

The plaintiff's case was that three sums of money had been lent to the defendant and the remaining sum was lent on a consideration which failed. The defence was that the sums were paid in respect of monies due for goods sold and delivered, not to the plaintiff himself, but to the firm in which plaintiff was a partner. Evidence having been heard, the case was adjourned.

A PAWNBROKER'S GRIEVANCE.

Inspector Dymond, who prosecuted an Aberdeen fish dealer for conducting a pawnbroker's business without paying the requisite licence, illustrated the hardships which the licences suffer through the competition of such men. The case was tried at the Magistracy before Mr. J. R. Wood, to whom Inspector Dymond stated that the sum paid for a licence was \$750 a year, but as a result of this unfair competition one pawnshop in Aberdeen had to close down, thereby depriving the Government of \$750, and another was in a shaky condition, yet the defendant, who was a salt fish dealer and charged a higher rate of interest than a pawnbroker, had been doing business for over a year without a licence. He said the \$750 for a licence, and though the maximum penalty is \$200 he was fined only \$100.

TELEGRAMS.

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JAPAN AND AMERICA.

LONDON, July 7th.

At the "Fourth of July" banquet held by American residents in London, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, replying to the toast of his health, cordially referred to Japan as being now as always the friend of America.

Mr. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador, replying on behalf of the guests, said that when Japan wanted help and advice it was given ungrudgingly and promptly by America. The wise methods of her rulers and the common-sense of her people had completely nipped in the bud the efforts of a small party of mischief-makers.

THE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, July 7th.

Now that the Naval Manoeuvres are concluded the newspapers are eloquent upon the brilliance of Admiral Jerram's feat in slipping through the Straits of Dover in a fog and uniting with the rest of the hostile fleet in the Atlantic.

A feature of the operations has been the absence of breakdowns. The Dreadnoughts were compelled to slacken speed to await the slower battleships before the general attack could be commenced.

THE SUCCESS OF THE YOKOHAMA LOAN.

LONDON, July 7th.

The Yokohama three per cent. loan (£716,500 issued at £98) has been oversubscribed ten times.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The American Consulate-General at Hongkong yesterday received the following telegram dispatched at noon from the Manila Observatory:—Low-pressure area over N. China Sea. A typhoon may develop in it to the E.N.E. or N.E. of Paracel.

THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The exceptionally dry season we have had is naturally indicated in the water return. On the 1st of July last year we had nearly four months' supply in the reservoirs; this year there is about half that quantity. At Kowloon there is only a little more than a month's supply, whereas last year the storage on July 1st was sufficient for nearly six months. The measurements at the various reservoirs will be found in another column.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FOR
THE EMPIRE.

Signor Marconi, speaking at the Imperial Press Conference, intimated that by next August he was prepared to establish wireless telegraphy stations connecting all parts of the Empire and involving greatly reduced rates.

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

A young and precocious poet of the South, on being asked to contribute to a lady's album, has, according to a Paris contemporary, given the following as an answer to the question: "What is a woman?"—To a painter, a model; to a doctor, a subject; to a farmer, a housewife; to an invalid, a nurse; to one without occupation, a plaything; to a Parisian, a dowry; to a naturalist, a female; to a Huron, a beast of burden; to a Roman, a woman of the world; to a college don, an angel; to a poet, a flower; and to a Christian, a companion.

THE CARRYING TRADE ON
THE YANGTZE.

Japanese papers state that a movement is on foot to form a combination between the four principal shipping companies whose steamers are plying on the Yangtze, namely, the Nisshin Company, the China Merchants, the Amakusa, Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. These four had been cutting each other's throats all through the recent period of severe depression, and not until April last were they able to make such an improvement of rates as would enable them to cover their expenses. According to the journals from which we collate this information, the change which occurred in April suggested the possibility of a combination and the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha took the lead in initiating it. On the 18th instant, a meeting of representatives of the four companies was held at the Yatayau restaurant in Tokyo, and the question was fully threshed out. It was found, however, that the documents furnished by three of the companies were not sufficiently explicit, and they agreed to substitute others of a more detailed

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, June 16th.

THE IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

Much stir has been created, not only throughout the British Empire, but upon the Continent and in the United States, by the epoch-making speech delivered by Lord Rosebery at the banquet to the Imperial Press Conference delegates, on Saturday night. That speech was admirable in every respect. It struck a high note of imperialism. It was worthy of the speaker and the occasion, and has given tone to the whole of the deliberations of the Conference. This is not the first occasion upon which Lord Rosebery has placed the interests of the Empire above the interest of party expediency, and whether one agrees or not with the policy of building battlements because another Power is doing so one's blood must indeed run cold if it is not stirred to patriotic enthusiasm by the declaration that the Empire will build down to its last shilling and so long as it has a man to place in the ships. It was not my good fortune to be present at the banquet. I was at a seaside resort in the South of England when I read Lord Rosebery's stirring speech, but even reading the words in cold print had the effect of revitalising one and made one proud of being a Briton. I was present, however, at the sittings of the Conference where matter-of-fact subjects had to be discussed. There, patriotism was the thread worked into the pattern that was being woven by these imperial journalists, and when Sir Edward Grey, at this second day's sitting, speaking calmly and deliberately as became the Foreign Minister of a great world-wide Empire, declared that he endorsed the now famous phrase of Lord Rosebery, a ringing cheer, loud and prolonged, went up from the assembled journalists. Putting aside all business considerations, this Conference must have a permanent effect throughout the Empire, for each one of those trained observers of public events will return to his own dominion a missioner of empire, inspired to promote the highest interests of Great Britain beyond the seas, and thereby to consolidate the Empire and to promote the world's peace. Amongst the speakers who have addressed the Conference were Lord Crewe, Mr. Sidney Buxton, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Reginald McKenna, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Cromer, Mr. Birrell, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Lord Roberts, Mr. Haldane, and Lord Morley, and one required to be present when Mr. Chamberlain made a passing reference to his father to realize how popular the ex-Colonial Secretary is with the men who mould public opinion in the far distant lands of the British Empire. It is impossible for me in the course of a single paragraph to condense the proceedings of the Conference and at the same time to give your readers an adequate idea of the importance of the business discussed, but if the efforts of the delegates result in the cheapening of Press cables throughout the Empire it will have conferred a boon not merely on newspaper proprietors but upon the reading public, to whom the quick conveyance of important items of news and of public policy is becoming more and more important as the world grows older. The delegates are well representative of Colonial journalism, and it may be interesting to you to know that Hongkong, through the delegate of the *Daily Press*, was also represented at this great Imperial gathering.

LABOUR MEMBERS ON TOUR.

While I am on these Imperial matters may I add that several Labour members are going far afield this summer. That in itself is a notable sign of the times, and if kept up it should materially reduce the number of "Little Englanders" in our midst. Ramsay MacDonald, member for Leicester, and ex-secretary of the Trade Union Congress, starts in September on a trip round the world, with especial attention to India, where his chief, Keir Hardie, got into hot water for a week or two, but gained enough material to enable one of his self-contentment to write a book of comments.

THE INDIA OFFICE AND DR. STEIN.

The India Office, I understand, has made arrangements that will allow Mr. M. A. Stein, the well-known explorer in Central Asia, to write a full descriptive account of the collection brought home from Chinese Turkestan. The work will take fully two years and is awaited with interest by all Oriental scholars.

DEPUTY PRISONER.

It is true that competition in this old country is keen, but surely the profession of deputy prisoner is carrying things a little too far. In Islington there has been a committee investigating the number of rats defaulter. One man on being summoned to appear to explain his dilatory payments declined to come. An officer of the law proceeded to the address given and there found a man who admitted he was the man required, and though the officer had his doubts he had no option but to take him off to prison. Since then it has come out that the real offender paid the man arrested to act as his deputy prisoner, and many other cases of a similar kind have come to light. The Public Prosecutor is taking the matter up, with a view to sending the deputy to prison on his own account for conspiracy, but it looks as though Parliament would have to pass special enactments to prevent the spread of this particular branch of enterprise.

JAPANESE IMPERIAL VISITORS.

Prince and Princess Nishimoto of Japan have been among the many visitors in London, and they have been entertained by Royalty, by Government officials, by military and naval men, by the Japan Society and others. The weather has been against them, but nevertheless the garden party given in their honour at the Botanical Gardens by the Japan Society was a pronounced success and was attended by all Far

Eastern notables now in town as well as many who are prominent in our home circles. They have passed on to Paris for a fortnight and will then return home via Siberia.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

The great missionary exhibition illustrating native life and needs in the Far East and in Africa was opened on Saturday in the Agricultural Hall. It is an effective display and is already attracting great attention. In the main portion of it is a Japanese village with its gorgeous colouring. A reproduction of a Japanese garden has been introduced under the direction of Japanese artist, presenting a delightful change to the scenery around. At the head of the village street in Shinto Temple with an image of Buddha and other symbols of worship. Close by there is a Chinese street with several shops displaying china and lacquer work, while scenes are also given of tea planting and cloth weaving. The opium den is rather unconvincing, if the artist intended to make it horribly realistic, but in the chemist's shop there is much of interest taken from a drug seller's store at Kotak in Central China. In addition there are scenes of Chinese social life and a guest room; also a reproduction of a mission dispensary, with patients under treatment.

KING OF SIAM CONTEMPLATES ANOTHER VISIT.

The King of Siam contemplates a further visit to this country, I understand, and has approached the authorities as to whether they are favourable to the project. The ostensible reason for the visit will be to visit the Siamese students in this country, for there are more of them than ever before.

ACTION OF CHINESE PORCELAIN.

At Christie's saleroom on Wednesday a quantity of fine old Chinese porcelain, the property of Mr. Gerald Brocklebank, of Shanghai, was brought under the hammer. A famille-verte square-shaped vase, enamelled with flowers, kylin, and utensils on stippled green ground, was bought by Mr. Crossley for ninety guineas. A powdered blue cylindrical vase, enamelled with ladies in a garden in famille verte, fell to Mr. Harris for £273. Three famille verte vases and a pair of beakers were bought by Mr. Stael for eighty-six guineas: a pair of old Chinese powdered blue bottles to Mr. Hood for fifty guineas, and a pair of orniform jars, enamelled with flowers in famille verte, to Mr. Partridge for fifty-eight guineas.

CONSULAR DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Consular service was held the other night at the Westminster Palace Hotel with Sir Cecil Hartley of Antwerp in the chair. The Marquis of Dufferin, head of the Consul Department of the Foreign Office, was a guest, and among those present were Mr. Mansfield, a retired member of the China Consular Service, Mr. Russell of the British service in China, and Messrs. G. H. Phipps and C. B. Sansom of Japan.

BUSINESS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Stock Exchange is having a time of such activity as has not been experienced for some years. "No time to eat or sleep" is the cry of the busy brokers, while anybody who has any clerking experience at all can get a job and handsome overtime pay as well.

Some of the clerks have been making weekly sums far beyond their ordinary income and they are looking forward to their holiday season with equanimity. Kaffirs and American stocks have had an especial boom, but there is a current setting in also in support of rubber shares, and I understand they are expected to go much higher yet. In America also there have been stirring times, with no very apparent reason, for the return to prosperity over the water, though fairly steady, is very slow. Still the revival in the iron and steel markets is some proof that the settlement, or thereabouts, of the American tariff has had the effect of letting free a good deal of contracting that had been held up till it was clear which way the revision cat would jump.

THE HORSE SHOW.

The Horse Show at Olympia, supported as it is by all nations, and especially by a number of American millionaires like Mr. Williams, Judge Moore, Mr. A. G. Vanderbilt, and Mr. Morris, has blossomed out into as much a Society function as the Horse Show in Paris or New York. Flowers profusely distributed about the great arenas of Olympia have transformed it into a bower of beauty, and to the grand stands all the Society beauties come day by day to witness the jumping. When the King's prize was won by the French military team there was a great *éclat* cordiale demonstration and the winners were called up to the Royal box to be congratulated by the King and Queen in their own language. The stables attached to the show are a marvel. The Americans have spared no money in making their equine favourites luxurious. The nags are stabled in specially constructed quarters, panelled in green and gold and hung with rich curtains. Down the gangway separating the stalls runs a stretch of thick pile carpet. Thousands have been spent on these fittings alone. Altogether the Horse Show is settling down into a regular annual affair to be looked forward to by all who love to see Society gathered together in smart assemblages, with a touch of entertainment thrown in.

SIR ROBERT HART.

Sir Robert Hart was out for a little while on Sunday for the first time since he caught a chill a month ago. As a matter of fact he is far from well yet, and I confirm the belief mentioned in my last letter that he will not return to the East. He still lives in the hope that he will recover his health completely, but these who have seen him in his London house in Cadogan Place agree with me that his talk of extending his leave really means that his work in China is completed.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

When I wrote in my last letter of American attention to China I had received hints that

there would soon be developments, but I was not prepared for them to materialise as rapidly as they have done. The combination of J. P. Morgan and Sons, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, the First National Bank and the City National Bank, together with the International Banking Corporation, is but part of the American plan to end the era of European domination in railway and financial enterprise in China. And just as President McKinley called the absorption of the Philippines "benevolent assimilation" so the American papers have gentle phrases whereby they explain this new move in the East. It appears from these writers that what is in the back of President Taft's mind is sympathy for Chinese ambitions. He mourns at the spectacle of Buddha and other symbols of worship. Close by there is a Chinese street with several shops displaying china and lacquer work, while scenes are also given of tea planting and cloth weaving. The opium den is rather unconvincing, if the artist intended to make it horribly realistic, but in the chemist's shop there is much of interest taken from a drug seller's store at Kotak in Central China. In addition there are scenes of Chinese social life and a guest room; also a reproduction of a mission dispensary, with patients under treatment.

KING OF SIAM CONTEMPLATES ANOTHER VISIT.

The great missionary exhibition illustrating native life and needs in the Far East and in Africa was opened on Saturday in the Agricultural Hall. It is an effective display and is already attracting great attention. In the main portion of it is a Japanese village with its gorgeous colouring. A reproduction of a Japanese garden has been introduced under the direction of Japanese artist, presenting a delightful change to the scenery around. At the head of the village street in Shinto Temple with an image of Buddha and other symbols of worship. Close by there is a Chinese street with several shops displaying china and lacquer work, while scenes are also given of tea planting and cloth weaving. The opium den is rather unconvincing, if the artist intended to make it horribly realistic, but in the chemist's shop there is much of interest taken from a drug seller's store at Kotak in Central China. In addition there are scenes of Chinese social life and a guest room; also a reproduction of a mission dispensary, with patients under treatment.

CHURCH PAGEANT.

The English Church pageant is doing well, and is drawing big crowds to the south side of the Thames. But the opening day was rain laden and the early Christians and monkish participants were very badly soaked. Many of them are now suffering from rheumatism, but I hear they are still fired with enthusiasm for the pageant.

HONGKONGERS AT THE TEST MATCH.

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THE SMALLNESS OF THE WORLD.

In a railway carriage on the Dover line yesterday I saw a dried-up looking old codger reading with apparent ease a formidable looking document in Chinese. Who he was I have no idea, but it shows how small the world is after all. It reminded me of the two cadets home or furlough who in a railway carriage were abusing the Straits Government and certain officials by name in no measured terms, and wishing to exercise a much-needed caution spoke in Malay. Before leaving another occupant of the compartment spoke to them in Malay. He turned out to be one of the Government big-bugs, whom owing to their having been stationed in different parts of the Peninsula they did not recognize.

A NAVAL LESSON.

A correspondent who was with the other guests of the Admiralty on board the *Vulcan* during the inspection of the fleet by the Colonial Editors telling a story of an amateurish Navy League, who, although he did not know all the visiting editors by sight, was like everyone else, anxious to do what he could to add to their entertainment.

"I found him talking to a cheerful old gentleman in a brown overcoat and bowler hat." It was the Navy League, "you will bear the following points in mind you will be able to recognise a Dreadnought the moment you see one."

"I take some interest in Dreadnoughts," the old gentleman murmured.

"Good," returned the Navy League. "If I can be of any service, call on me. By the way, do you know that you are rather like Admiral Fisher, of whom perhaps you have heard across the sea?"

"I am Admiral Fisher," was the reply, and Admiral Fisher it was, personally entertaining the Admiralty's guests.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 7th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately at the stations around the Sea of Japan owing to the depression, which has reached N.E. Korea.

Pressure has given way slightly over China, except on the N.E. coast. It is still relatively low over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

The highest pressure lies over the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Bonins.

Light or moderate S.E. and E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

Hongkong & Neighbourhood* S.E. winds, light or moderate.

South east of China between Hongkong and Lantau. Same as No. 1.

South east of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

(*) S.E. and E. winds, light or moderate; fair.

The Colony occupies the position of a financial centre for the Southern Provinces of the Empire of China, and large amounts in hard dollars are therefore liable to be imported or exported suddenly. Shipments of several lacs of dollars at one time are of frequent occurrence, and it is on record that only some three years ago one steamer brought \$24 lacs, while more recently \$15 lacs were exported in one steamer. It may consequently be inferred that considerable variation will take place in the amount of notes in circulation: in fact the difference between the highest and

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Minutes of a Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Building, on Monday, the 28th June, 1909, at 4 p.m.

Present: Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt (Chairman), Mr. J. R. M. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. A. Babington, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. W. Randon, D. R. Law, H. A. Siebs, E. Shelling, H. E. Tomkins, and E. A. M. Williams (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting of members held on the 17th May, 1909, were confirmed.

GOVERNMENT NOTE ISSUE.

Reply from Government:

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th June, 1909.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am directed to transmit the enclosed copies of minutes by the Colonial Treasurer dated the 16th ultimo and the 5th instant together with copies of the printed papers in annexed schedule. These documents contain the further information asked for by your Committee.

I return herewith the enclosures as requested.

—I have, &c.

lowest average monthly amount of bank notes in circulation, according to the figures published in the *Government Gazette*, was—

In 1905 \$6,028,415

In 1906 7,739,584

In 1907 4,160,429

In 1908 3,140,568

In 1909 (January to May) 6,994,474.

My Committee are therefore of opinion that the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer's estimate of expenses is too low.

Regarding the proposal to invest a proportion of the dollars in Gold Securities, my Committee consider that a reserve fund should be established to cover the exchange risk, so that the coin and investments held against the issue will at all times be sufficient to redeem it at par and that no call on the revenues of the Colony will ever be necessary.

I am also directed to call your attention to the possibility of the adoption by China of an uniform currency and to point out that in the event of this taking place it may be found ad-

visable to change the currency of this Colony which might involve the reissuing or disposal of the dollars in reserve.

My Committee think that before incurring the responsibilities attaching to a note issue the Government should give careful consideration to this contingency.

I return herewith the enclosures as requested.

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E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Secretary.

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE EMPIRE.

Letter from London Chamber:

Oxford Court, Cannon Street, London, E.C., 30th April, 1909.

DEAR SIR.—I beg to remind you that the Seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire opens at Sydney, N.S.W., on 14th September next and is to be followed by a short tour of two or three weeks' duration, during which most of the principal centres of the Commonwealth will be visited.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed DAILY PRESS only, and special business matter THE MANAGER.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENT

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SCRIP CERTIFICATE issued 10th August, 1883, for 4 Shares numbered 5049/5052 in the above-named Company standing in the name of JOAO A. DA LUZ (deceased) of Hongkong, has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 22nd instant, a new Scrip Certificate will be issued in favour of the said JOAO A. DA LUZ (deceased), and in transmission taking place under the said Scrip Certificate issued 10th August, 1883, will be recognised by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong, 8th July, 1909. [940]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

COAL.

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TO LET.

NO. 75, WYNDHAM STREET. SIX ROOMS Electric Fittings, Verandahs both sides. Full harbour view. ROOMS in No. 2, PEDDER'S HILL. Apply to — A. B. AVASIA, 1, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 8th July, 1909. [941]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "DELTA," Captain B. W. H. Shaw, will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the 8th inst., at 8 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 8th July, 1909. [942]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "DELTA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo — From London, &c., ex. "Mantan." From Australia or ex. "Mantan." From Calcutta, ex. "Nyana." From Persian Gulf, ex. B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 15th July, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [943]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "TAMBA MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON.

Goods not cleared by the 14th July, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [942]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "CAPRI," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before NOON on the 17th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All Claims will be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods will be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [943]

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1909. [943]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A BRANCH OFFICE of this Bank has been OPENED in Canton under the Charge of Mr. R. R. HYND as Agent. By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [943]

E. R.

MAGISTRACY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that MEETING of His Majesty's Justices of the PEACE for the Colony will be held at the MAGISTRACY at 2.15 P.M. on MONDAY, the 12th JULY, 1909, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinances, 8 of 1898 and 8 of 1908, viz.:

From one R. H. WHITTAKER for a licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors (except Chinese Wine and Spirits) in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging known as No. 1, Queen's Road East, under the name of the "VICTORIA HOTEL" in exchange for and on surrendering the licence now held by the applicant in respect of the premises known as "THE PRATA EAST HOTEL."

F. A. HAZELAND, Police Magistrate. Hongkong, 1st July, 1909. [944]

E. R.

NAVY CONTRACT.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of LABOUR and JUNKS in connection with the COALING of H.M. Ships, etc., at Hongkong for a period of 12 months from the 1st AUGUST, 1909.

Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and should be returned not later than NOON, on 16th JULY, 1909.

A Deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be required from persons tendering. This will be returned in the event of non-acceptance of tender.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1909. [945]

E. R.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

HONGKONG OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEALED TENDERS will be received at the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, till NOON on TUESDAY, the 31st day of AUGUST, 1909, for the purchase of the privileges known as the Opium Farm established under "The Prepared Opium Ordinances, 1891-1909," that is to say, the sole privilege of preparing Opium and of Selling, within the Colony (including the New Territories), Opium so prepared, inclusive of the privilege of collecting dross and of preparing and dealing in Dross Opium, for three years from the 1st of March, 1910.

Full information as to conditions of tendering, etc., can be obtained from the Colonial Treasurer, and the conditions of tendering and form of grant have been published in Government Gazette as Notification No. 401 of the 2nd July, 1909.

A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1909. [946]

E. R.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that applications are invited from Europeans for the post of 3rd INTERPRETER at the SUPREME COURT. Salary commencing at £360 it, but should applicant's qualifications justify it, a salary of £1,680 may be given.

A knowledge of Cantonese is essential, and a knowledge will be given to candidates who have a knowledge of a second Chinese dialect. Applicants must be under 35 years of age. Applications accompanied by testimonials should be sent to the Registrar General before the 31st OCTOBER, 1909.

A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1909. [946]

WANTED.

A COMPRADEORE for a well known Local Firm of Export and Import Merchants. Good Salary and Commission given to a Competent Man. Security required. Apply in writing, with credentials and stating qualifications, to

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Hongkong, 6th July, 1909. [943]

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129 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DUPLICATES of the above CERTIFICATES will be issued one month hence, and the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1909. [943]

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G. K. HASTON, Manager. Hongkong 1st April, 1908. [943]

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PHIROZSHA B. PETT & CO.,

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Hongkong, 5th July, 1909. [927]

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HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909. [931]

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A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE.

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INTIMATION

TENDERS FOR REVENUE FARMS.

TENDERS are invited for the Lease of Revenue Farms in the State of North Borneo from the 1st January, 1910, as set out hereunder.

REVENUE FARMS IN THE STATE OF NORTH BORNEO.

1. In making arrangements for the leasing of the Farms for the next Farm period of 1910, 1911 and 1912 the Government reserves to itself the right of vesting the Farms (as provided in the Proclamations concerned as named in Schedule A appended) in any person, by public or private sale as may be thought fit.

Subject to the above reservation it is hereby notified that tenders will be received at the Office of the Secretary to the Governor, Sandakan, up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st day of October, 1909, for the purchase of the exclusive privileges of the Farms described below for a period of one, two or three years commencing on the 1st January, 1910.

2. Any person either for himself alone or for himself and others, may, either in person or by agent duly accredited in writing on any date prior to the said noon of the 1st October next, submit to the said Secretary at Sandakan, any tender he may think fit for all or any of the Farms, provided such tender is in conformity with the terms of tendering hereinafter set out and fulfills all the conditions required of the Farmer.

All tenders so made will (except at the express wish of the tenderer to the contrary) be received and treated by the Government as strictly confidential.

On receiving any such tender, Government reserves to itself the right of deciding whether it shall be considered or not.

If Government decides not to consider the tender, it will be returned to the tenderer under sealed cover.

All tenders accepted for consideration by Government will be, in the first instance, retained by Government for further consideration with the tenders handed in on 1st October, 1909, which will be opened at noon on that date, after which the successful tenderer will be selected.

3. The Farms, above referred to, are:

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO—OPIUM, SPLIT, GAMBLING and PAWNBORING, as follows:

(a) in one concession for the whole State.

(b) in one concession for any of the following Districts of the State, the limits named including the interior territory watered by the rivers within the limits given respectively:

(i) SANDAKAN DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the true left watershed of the Paitan river.

(ii) KUDAT DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true left watershed of the Paitan River and on the other by the true right watershed of the Planduan River.

(iii) WEST COAST DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Pinduan River and on the other by the Northern Boundary of Province Clarke.

(iv) EAST COAST DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the Dutch Boundary or the South at Broorschop point.

(v) PROVINCE CLARKE—being the Territory between Batu-Batu and the Lewis Northern watershed.

4. The attention of those desirous of tendering is drawn to the following terms:

(a) The tenderer must state in his tender the annual sum offered for the Farm rent for the three years 1910, 1911 and 1912; a different sum may be offered for the first, second and third years respectively. The tenderer must also clearly state the proportion of the amount of the Rent to be allotted to each separate Farm.

(b) The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender, and reserves to itself the right of making any arrangements it may deem advisable as regards the letting of the Farms.

(c) Each tenderer should specify in full, in English and in the vernacular language of the tenderer, the names, residences and occupations of the persons tendering, and similar information regarding any security or any partner that the tenderer wishes to propose.

(d) The successful tenderer will be called upon to enter a contract under the provisions of the Proclamations named in Schedule A appended.

(e) Copies of the Forms of Contracts for the Farms may be seen on application at the Offices of the said SECRETARY, at Sandakan, or of Messrs. GUTHRIE & CO., at Singapore, or of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., at Hongkong.

(f) The successful tenderer will be required to deposit with the Finance Commissioner, Sandakan, Security to the value of three months' Farm rent by means of a deposit of money to the amount of one month's Farm rent, and of title deeds to the amount of two months' Farm rent.

(g) The retail rates for Chandu fixed by Government for the Opium Farm for 1910, 1911 and 1912 are those specified below:

For tail	8.240
" chi	0.030
" 5 hun packet	0.016
" 4 "	0.012
" 3 "	0.009
" 2 "	0.006

(h) The Opium Farmer is responsible for seeing that Chandu is not sold by retail at the Opium Farm or at the Opium shop at prices higher than those fixed by Government and named above (g).

The Opium and Spirit Farmers may fix their own prices for supplying the Opium and Spirit Farm Shops wholesale with Chandu and Spirits.

(i) During the continuance of the Farm period the Opium and Spirit Farmers will be entitled to the use of a Trade-mark (to be approved by Government) to be affixed to any Opium or Chandu prepared by them, and to any vessel containing Spirits for sale.

(j) As soon as the new Farmers have been appointed by the Governor, they will be required to submit in writing to the Secretary to the Governor a Schedule showing full particulars of the Title Deeds they propose to deposit with the Government as security for the said two months' Farm rent. If these are considered satisfactory, the new Farmers will be required to execute a mortgage of the property to the Government as provided for by law.

(k) The Farmer for the West Coast may be required to rent certain Farm buildings at Jesselton.

(l) The following Proclamations govern the conduct of the Farms in B. N. Borneo viz.:

SCHEDULE A.

The Opium Proclamation No. 16 of 1901, as amended by No. 7 of 1904.

The Liquors Proclamation No. 17 of 1901.

The Pawnbrokers Proclamation No. 14 of 1902, as amended by No. 1 of 1903, and No. 3 of 1906.

The Gambling Proclamation No. 8 of 1891, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1909. [696]

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SHIENWAN, TOMEY & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [508]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from page 8.)

DRAFT TRADE MARKS BILL.

Letter from Government—
Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 14th June, 1909.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit for the consideration of your Committee the enclosed draft of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks and to inquire whether your Committee concur in the provisions of the Bill as drafted.—I am, &c.,

C. CLEMENTI,
for Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

The enclosure was laid on the table.

The Chairman suggested the appointment of a Sub-Committee to consider the Draft Bill, and it was agreed that the Sub-Committee be composed of the following gentlemen—Mr. E. Sheldin, Mr. A. Buntington, and Mr. H. A. Sles.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following Companies were unanimously elected Members of the Chamber—Messrs. the China and Manila S.S. Co., Ltd., Messrs. Cruz, Busto & Co., and Messrs. the Vacuum Oil Co.,

JAPAN-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

The following letter was received from the Government—
Colonial Secretary's Office,

28th June, 1909.

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to refer the enclosed copy of a letter from the Commissioner General of the Japan-British Exhibition for the consideration of your Committee and to inquire whether in the opinion of your Committee this Colony should participate in the exhibition.—I am, &c.,

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Enclosures.

28th May, 1909.
Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that an arrangement has been concluded between His Excellency Mr. Kato, Ambassador of Japan at the Court of St. James, on behalf of the Emperor and Government of that Empire and the Authorities of the "White City" for holding an Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush exclusively confined to the Arts, Manufactures and Products of the Japanese and British Empires, commencing on May 3rd, 1910, and remaining open for about six months.

The leading party of surveyors consists of an American, Mr. Williams, who took part in the survey made some six years ago for the original American concessionaries, a Frenchman, Mr. Baby, and a Japanese. They are at present prospecting near Yongke, some ten miles south of Lekchong, and it is expected that in a few weeks' time they will have completed the survey to Lekchong. Travelling by river I found it impossible to estimate how much cutting and tunnelling may be required, but those who know the road do not anticipate serious difficulties here. The main road will come as the railway has to be made across "The Range" to Huan, where two lofty ranges of hills lie in the track.

POINTS IN PASSING.
Between Lekchong and Shinchow the line passes some rich coal-fields. At Yangke and also at Laiputso, some twenty miles south, the natives work the mineral entirely on the surface and turn out a fine, soft coal of serviceable quality. We have used it for some years and although it is rather a slow burning coal it gives off an intense heat.

For this reason, and for many others, I venture to express a hope that Hongkong will participate in the Japan-British Exhibition.

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ARRIVALS.

CAPRI, Italian str. 2,707, D. Francesco, 7th July—Bombay 17th June, General—Carlowitz & Co.
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TAISHUN, British str. 1,612, R. Paramore, 6th July—Shanghai 3rd July, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
TAMARU, Japanese str. 3,802, C. H. Butler, 7th July—London via Singapore 2nd July, Mail and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YEDO MARU, Japanese str. 3,227, A. Komatsu, 7th July—Karakata 1st July, Coal—Ataka.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
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Chenan, British str. for Canton.
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HINSON, British str. for Yokohama.
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KUEICHOW British str. for Canton.
MEEFOO, Chinese str. for Shanghai.
MUNCASTER CASTLE, Br. str. for Whampoo.
PROMETHEUS, Norwegian str. for Swatow.
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ROTTERDAM, MARSELLES & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th Aug.
HAVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BEASILLA	Swed. str.	—	Miller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
HAVE, COPENHAGEN & ST. PETERSBURG	SIAM	Ger. str.	—	Jäger	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of July.
HAVE, ROTTERDAM, MARSELLES & HAMBURG, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 4th Aug.
HAVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	—	P. Jones...	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 12th inst.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.	On 20th inst. at D'light
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ARMAND BEHIC	Fr. str.	—	LaFont	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 21st inst. at D'light
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Aug. at D'light
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 25th inst.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	TOYOKISEN KAISHA	On 30th Aug. at Noon.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Bandermann	MELCHERS & Co.	On 14th inst. at Noon.
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MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 20th inst. at 4 P.M.
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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	TAMING	On 13th July, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	KUEICHOW	On 13th July, 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU, CHEFOO and NEWCHWANG	ANHUT	On 15th July, 4 P.M.
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"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW	TUESDAY, 13th July, at 2 P.M.	TUESDAY, 13th July, at 2 P.M.

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FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

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Hongkong, 8th July, 1909.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS	FOR	TO SAIL
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, WEIHAI-WEI & CHEFOO	CHIPSHING	Thursday, 8th July, Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HINSANG	Thursday, 8th July, 5 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Friday, 9th July, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Sunday, 11th July, D'light
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CHUNGSANG	Sunday, 11th July, D'light
MANILA	LAISANG	Tuesday, 13th July, Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YUENSANG	Friday, 16th July, 4 P.M.
RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.	KUTSANG	Friday, 30th July, Noon.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a total of 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

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GOTHENBURG.PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
HAVRE, COPENHAGEN and ST. PETERBURG	"SIAM"	Middle of July.
Hongkong, 11th June, 1909.	MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.	6

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	KAWACHI MARU, SANUKI MARU, SAKI MARU	6,500	WED'DAY, 21st July, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOZUKE	KAGA MARU, KUMANO MARU, YAWATA MARU, TAMIA MARU	6,000	WED'DAY, 4th Aug., at Daylight.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	KAGA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 20th July, at 4 P.M.
MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KAGA MARU, KUMANO MARU, YAWATA MARU, TAMIA MARU	6,500	TUESDAY, 17th Aug., at 4 P.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU	6,500	FRIDAY, 9th July, at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	YETOTORO MARU	4,500	FRIDAY, 6th Aug., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOZUKE	BOMBAY MARU	5,000	FRIDAY, 15th July, at Daylight.
NIKKO MARU	ATSUTA MARU	5,000	FRIDAY, 30th July, at 5 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	NIKKO MARU	6,000	WED'DAY, 4th Aug., at Noon.

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ATSUTA MARU (Capt. Wm. THOMPSEN) - About Wed. 22nd Sept.

MYASAKI MARU (Capt. W. BAINBRIDGE) - About Wed. 20th Oct.

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1st CLASS	\$120	\$110	\$100
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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1909. [16]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

LAISANG.

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 8th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

Owing to the non-receipt by French mail of the advance London Parcel Lists, the Parcels by the incoming English mail will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 9 a.m. to-morrow morning, the 8th inst.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatia and Siberia.

10th July at 8.30 a.m.
14th " at 8.30 p.m.
7th " at 8.30 p.m.
2nd " at 11.30 a.m.

FROM	TO	DATE
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Swatow, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Fientain	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Macao	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Shanghai	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Kobe and Yokohama	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Yokohama and Kobe	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Amoy, Mauli, Cabo and Holo	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle	Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	7th
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	7th
Tsingtao and Newchwang	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	7th
Macao	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	7th
Manila	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	7th

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COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

July 7th.

ON LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/84
Bank Bills, on demand	1/9
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9
Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/9
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/9
ON PARIS:	220
Bank Bills, on demand	220
Credits, at 4 months' sight	224
ON GERMANY:	179
On demand	179
ON NEW YORK:	423
Bank Bills, on demand	423
Credits, at 60 days' sight	423
ON BOMBAY:	131
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank, on demand	132
ON CALCUTTA:	131
Telegraphic Transfer	132
Bank, on demand	132
ON SHANGHAI:	743
Bank, at sight	743
Private, 30 days' sight	758
ON YOKOHAMA:	85
On demand	85
ON MANILA:	100
On demand	100
ON SINGAPORE:	743
On demand	743
ON BATAVIA:	105
On demand	105
ON HAIKONG:	63
On demand	63
ON SAIGON:	On demand
ON BANGKOK:	On demand
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.30
GOLD LINE, 100 fine, per tael	\$58.90
BAR SILVER, per oz.	233
SUBSIDARY COINS.	
Chinese	20 cents pieces
Chinese	88.80
Hongkong	20 " 87.60
Hongkong	10 " 87.80
VESSELS EXPECTED.	
THE FRENCH MAIL.	
The M.M. str. <i>Caledonian</i> left Saigon on the 5th instant at 6 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here this morning, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.	
THE INDIAN MAIL.	
The Aspir str. <i>Japan</i> from Yokohama and Kobe, left Kobe on the 5th instant morning, and may be expected here on or about the 11th instant.	
THE GERMAN MAIL.	
The I.G.M. str. <i>Pries Luderitz</i> carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 16th ultimo, left Colombo on the 4th instant a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst. p.m.	
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.	
The C.N. Co.'s str. <i>Taiyuan</i> left Sydney on the 19th ult., and is due here on the 14th inst.	
THE AMERICAN MAIL.	
The P.M. str. <i>China</i> will sail from Yokohama on the 7th inst., en route to this port, and is due to arrive here on the 16th inst.	
THE CANADIAN MAIL.	
The C.P.R. str. <i>Empress of India</i> expects to arrive Yokohama on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 9 a.m. This information reached Yokohama by wireless telegraphy.	
MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
The N.Y.K. str. <i>Am. Maru</i> (American Line) left Shanghai on the 6th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.	
The str. <i>Edo</i> left Singapore on the 2nd instant p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow a.m.	
The Bank Line Ltd.'s str. <i>Kumeric</i> arrived at Manila on the 2nd instant.	
The Ben Line str. <i>Bentaris</i> from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 3rd instant for this port.	
The str. <i>Carravanshire</i> left Singapore on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on the 12th inst.	
The N.Y.K. str. <i>Bomby Maru</i> (Bomby Line) left Bombay for this port via Tutiopia on the 24th ultimo, and is expected here on the 4th inst.	

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Haiyang*, from Coast Ports, Messrs Cross and Knott.

Per *Tambo Maru*, from London, &c., Mr and Mrs J. Bryan, Mr and Mrs J. Johnston, Miss B. Johnston, Masters A. Johnston and J. Johnston, Messrs J. B. Chapman, J. McDonald, J. Nucat, K. Johnston and Aubrey.

Per *Monteagle*, for Hongkong, from Vancouver, Mrs E. Minor, Misses M. M. Zimmerman and C. Minor, Messrs F. W. Richardson, E. F. Williams and C. C. Mackie; from Kobe, Misses Laiung-Mow-C. Spin & Weav. Co., Ltd. and *Soy Chai* Cotton Spinning Co., Limited.

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